

SAYS ALLIED DEBTS HAMPER OUR TRADE

U. S. Exporters May Urge Cancellation of Interest, Gov. Strong Thinks.

FLAYS RESERVE CRITICS

Bank Protected Country Best Way During War, Declares New York Witness.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 11.—American producers may be forced to urge cancellation of interest charges on the allied debts to the United States, said Gov. Strong of the New York Federal Reserve Bank before the joint Congressional commission to-day. He closed a prolonged debate of the reserve system's operations.

Mr. Strong expressed no direct opinion of the proposed cancellation, but said the economic structure of the country depended upon foreign marketing of surplus raw material. Extension of funds credits to foreign buyers would not help, he said, and foreign exchange quotations, which necessarily were influenced by German reparations payments, had further complicated the difficulties of American exporters.

Question for Congress.

"The international payment of a given sum in dollars to the United States can-

not be used both to reduce debts and interest," he said, "and at the same time buy goods. Isn't it of the greater advantage to the United States that the purchasing power Europe is able to develop be used to consume surplus American goods rather than to pay interest on debts?"

"This is a question of policy for Congress with which I have no connection or concern, but I am going to ask you to consider it in connection with the fact that our export market for farming products is of the greatest importance."

Members of the commission pressed Gov. Strong to give his opinion of the result in case the debts and interest on foreign Government loans should be collected, but he replied that while "there will be a natural result it is not necessary to discuss it."

Farmers may be provided with better credit facilities as suggested by extension of the Federal Reserve system to include country banks and a system of nine month to two year loans through the bank loans, with partial rediscounit privileges, but he emphasized the importance of the foreign market.

Mr. Strong expressed no direct opinion of the proposed cancellation, but said the economic structure of the country depended upon foreign marketing of surplus raw material. Extension of funds credits to foreign buyers would not help, he said, and foreign exchange quotations, which necessarily were influenced by German reparations payments, had further complicated the difficulties of American exporters.

Always Ready With Gold."

Gov. Strong closed with a parting shot at critics of the reserve system's operation.

"Through all the stress of war," he said, "the reserve bank found the money to meet the Government's expenses, and in New York alone we secured twenty billions. But there never has been a day when you couldn't take a piece of paper money to a reserve bank and get gold."

"Had not that been the case the price levels in this country would have been tragic. All I ask is that in considering the complaints against the system—for they cannot be dignified by any other term—you remember the Reserve Bank protected this country as nothing else could have done from financial disturbance and breakdown."

T. F. RYAN IN FAVOR OF TRADE ALLIANCES

In Paris Advocates Business Relations With Germany and Russia.

BOTH VALUABLE FACTORS

American Relief and Armament Reduction Would Aid in Restoring Conditions.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. Copyright, 1921, by THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau. Paris, Aug. 11.

International business alliances with Germany and Russia so that these countries can again become productive are essential factors in the world's return to normal conditions declared Thomas F. Ryan in an interview given to THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent at the Hotel Crillon to-day.

"Particularly in Europe," Mr. Ryan said, "politics have had an undue destructive importance, the whole economic scheme of things being subordinated to political moves. What Europe needs is business alliances made by business men."

"But there can be no economic stand-

ardization in Europe or throughout the world without a productive Germany.

Both as a consumer and producer, Germany's power cannot be denied. Russia is likewise an all important factor."

10:15—180 West 12th st., George Tooley Unknown

10:15—346 Pearl st., unknown....Unknown

Until Russia and Central Europe are again producers, there will be no complete standardization."

American relief intervention in Russia and the Washington conference for the limitation of armaments, Mr. Ryan added, could contribute largely to the reduction of readjustments and to the world's stabilization. In discussing the American situation, Mr. Ryan described the public as getting over pessimistic alarm slowly but surely.

"Although the labor question is difficult," he said, "there are many signs that union as well as non-union laborers are becoming more than their part the product of readjustments. We hope the standard of living and pay of the worker will never again reach the pre-war level. One reason I am inclined to feel optimistic about the general situation is that President Harding seems determined to use his power and influence to reach a settlement both of foreign and domestic questions. This has had a large part in determining the outcome of the war and I am sure she will again take her place in international affairs, especially in the work of economic re-adjustment."

12:45—9th av.: Nathan Staskey. Unknown

1:15—200 West 45th st.: William ... Unknown

8:15—148 West 68th st.: Holland Unknown

11:00—4th av. and 75th st.: Li ... Unknown

12:05—133 5th av.: Samuel Comallo. Unknown

2:30—ca. West 11th st.: Eugene ... Unknown

4:30—580 East 173rd st., The Bronx: Frank CartmanUnknown

5:30—Boston Road and 177th st., The Bronx: subway structure.....Unknown

5:55—28th and South Broad ... R. Maxwell Co.Unknown

10:15—180 West 12th st., George Tooley Unknown

10:15—346 Pearl st., unknown....Unknown

Poker Portraits—When Reformers Get Through With Us

IT'S TERRIBLY EXCITING, CUTHBERT WHEN YOU GUESS THE MOST CELEBRATED WORKS OF NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE PLEASE COME, CUTHBERT! YOU'LL JUST LOVE THE GAME

WE'RE SERVING ICE CREAM AND CAKE TO-NIGHT TOO

OH, CUTHBERT, I'M SO GLAD WE MET YOU! WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US IN A NICE, QUIET, LITTLE GAME OF AUTHORS. YOU MUST COME! IT'S EVER AND EVER SO MUCH FUN! SOMETIMES WE GET SO WROUGHT UP WE SIMPLY SCREAM. MERCY! YOU'VE NO IDEA WHAT A ROLLICKING PASTIME IT IS. MAY WE NOT COUNT ON YOU?

I'M SO SORRY, HARRY, BUT I PROMISED MY MAMA I'D NEVER TOUCH A CARD AS LONG AS I LIVED. SOMETIMES WHEN YOU NEED AN EXTRA PLAYER AT DROP-THE-HANDKERCHIEF I'LL BE DELIGHTED



Copyright, 1921, H. T. Webster.

Fire Record

Loss.

A.M.—815 9th av.: Nathan Staskey. Unknown

12:45—Jerome av. and 200th st.; automobile: Harry Redman.Unknown

1:15—200 West 45th st.: William ... Unknown

8:15—148 West 68th st.: Holland Unknown

11:00—4th av. and 75th st.: Li ... Unknown

12:05—133 5th av.: Samuel Comallo. Unknown

2:30—ca. West 11th st.: Eugene ... Unknown

4:30—580 East 173rd st., The Bronx: Frank CartmanUnknown

5:30—Boston Road and 177th st., The Bronx: subway structure.....Unknown

5:55—28th and South Broad ... R. Maxwell Co.Unknown

10:15—180 West 12th st., George Tooley Unknown

10:15—346 Pearl st., unknown....Unknown

<p